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Sub A1 E-mail system for simultaneously distributing a plurality of different video data streams across a network to a plurality of client recipient computers, comprising:

encoder for encoding digitized data into a plurality of different video data stream formats;

a smart server determining, when a client recipient computer accesses the e-mail system, a video player type residing on the client recipient computer and an optimum video data stream format for the video player of the client recipient computer and thereafter distributing the optimum video data stream format according to the determination.

2. The e-mail system of Claim 1, further including a digitizer for digitizing video data streams.

3. The e-mail system of Claim 1, further including a means for compressing the digitized data.

4. The e-mail system of Claim 1, which can simultaneously transmit a plurality of different video data stream formats to a plurality of client recipient computers at the optimum video data stream format for the video player of each of the client recipient computers.

5. The e-mail system of Claim 1, wherein the distributing occurs by storing at least one of the different video data streams in a memory device and transmits the plurality of various video data streams to video players in the client recipient computers.

6. The e-mail system of Claim 1, further including receiving the data in analog form from a device that captures the data from a live event and then digitizing.

7. The e-mail system of Claim 1, further including receiving the data in analog form from a device that captures the data from a storage device and then digitizing.

8. The e-mail system of Claim 1, further including digital calendar data and simultaneously distributing the calendar data with the video data streams, thereby enabling the calendar data to be displayed simultaneously with the video data stream on the client recipient computers.

9. The e-mail system of Claim 1, which includes distributing a plurality of multiple bit-rate video data streams which contain an audio component.